

• The public meeting was held on Wednesday with Streetscape staff and twenty merchants and property owners in attendance. All concerns were noted with some suggestions implemented this week and others are under consideration.

 Between the present economy and the natural disruption by streetscape, attendees felt that it was most important to have maximum time for retail activity during this year's holiday season. There was consensus that it was not as important to have the area closed next year during the Spoleto Festival.

It was decided to cease construction activity by close of business on November 21st. The holiday period for Lower King Street is now November 22nd until January 5, 2009.

 All barricades and bridges will be removed for the holiday shopping season. Either a smooth, walkable surface over demoed sidewalk areas will be available or no more areas will be demoed than what can be replaced by 11/21. For all practical purposes, the area will be completely cleared. However if it is necessary to place a sporadic toggle cone over a spot for safety sakes, it will be done.

- In consideration for time changes, the construction will be allowed to continue during the Spoleto Festival in May 2009.
- Streetscape staffers are working with property owners to be able to hang a banner across Lower King and additional signage will be
 placed on Meeting Street to identify that restaurants are open for business on Queen Street. Staff assisted Vieuxtemps and Leggiardro
 with a special request this week.
- 20 repairs & relinings, or 1/3 of sewer laterals, are completed. This work is on-going between Fulton and Clifford Streets.
- CWS's sewer camera is being repaired for work to continue filming conditions of the laterals.
- Moving water meters is on-going and Bret will advise owners and merchants when water must be temporarily shut off.
- Curb installation has advanced to 212 King Street from Market Street this week and will be completed next week. Then, electrical
 conduit will be installed, water meters switched out and the concrete based poured.
- Demo of the block between Fulton and Clifford Streets will begin next week.
- SCE& G and Charleston Library Society Lots remain closed.
- Water main and electrical ductbank installations have advanced to 160 King Street. Sawcutting across Queen Street on King Street has
 occurred and will proceed southward next week. Queen Street between Meeting and King Streets remain closed.
- As the project continues, innovative traffic plans for more difficult areas are under consideration.

